

(a) There is established the Commission on Children With Special Health Care Needs. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide staff services and space for Commission meetings. The purpose of the Commission is to monitor and evaluate the availability and provision of health services to special needs children in this State, and to monitor and evaluate services provided to special needs children under the Health Insurance Program for Children established under Part 8 of Article 2 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes.

(b) The Commission shall consist of ~~seven~~ eight members appointed by the Governor, as follows:

- (1) ~~A parent of a special needs child;~~ Two parents, not of the same family, each of whom has a special needs child. In appointing parents, the Governor shall consider appointing one parent of a child with chronic illness and one parent of a child with a developmental disability or behavioral disorder.
- (2) A licensed psychiatrist recommended by the North Carolina Psychiatric Association;
- (3) A licensed psychologist recommended by the North Carolina Psychological Association;
- (4) A licensed pediatrician whose practice includes services for special needs children, recommended by the Pediatric Society of North Carolina;
- (5) A representative of one of the children's hospitals in the State, recommended by the Pediatric Society of North Carolina;
- (6) A local public health director recommended by the Association of Local Health Directors; and
- (7) An educator providing education services to special needs children, recommended by the North Carolina Council of Administrators of Special Education.

(c) The Governor shall appoint from among Commission members the person who shall serve as chair of the Commission. Of the initial appointments, two shall serve one-year terms, ~~two~~ three shall serve two-year terms, and three shall serve three-year terms. Thereafter, terms shall be for two years. Vacancies occurring before expiration of a term shall be filled from the same appointment category in accordance with subsection (b) of this section."

Requested by: Representatives Gardner, Cansler, Clary, Howard, Senators Martin of Guilford, Cooper, Dannelly, Phillips, Purcell

MEDICAID/REPORTING ANTICIPATED CHANGES

Section 12.12B. (a) Section 11.11 of S.L. 1997-443 reads as rewritten:

"Section 11.11. (a) Funds appropriated in this act for services provided in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid) are for both the categorically needy and the medically needy. Funds appropriated for these services shall be expended in accordance with the following schedule of services and payment bases. All services and payments are subject to the language at the end of this subsection.

Services and payment bases: